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## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

### MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, October 17, 2002

6:00 p.m.

383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374A

(213) 974-9297

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Dr. Sandra Aronberg, Vice Chair

Richard Alexander

John Hybarger

### STAFF PRESENT

Martha Littlefield

Ken Wales

### OTHERS PRESENT

Monica Guaracha, California Department of Fish and Game

Clem Lagrosa, United States Forest Service, Angeles National Forest

Richard Wales, USDA Forest Service, Angeles National Forest

Richard Jansen, Southern Council of Conservation Clubs

### CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairperson Aronberg called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

On motion of Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Hybarger, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of September 19, 2002.

### REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Vice Chairperson Aronberg reviewed the Commission's most recent Summary Report of Income, Expenditures and Fund Balance and reported a fund balance of \$134,925.18 as of September 30, 2002. This does not include expenditures approved at the September 19, 2002 meeting. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Commission unanimously approved receiving and filing this report.**

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

#### Update from the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

Staff reported that Mr. Jim Park of DPR had spoken with County Council and they agreed in concept to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with some minor revisions. Mr. Park plans to verify that the director had the authority to sign the MOU and will return to the January

meeting with the revisions. He also plans to use the information Louise Fiorillo, California Department of Fish and Game, gave him regarding grant proposals for funding the creation of signs to be posted in parks in the County notifying the public of fish limits, pole limits and that a license is required.

### **Closure of the Angeles National Forest**

Clem Lagrosa, Resources and Land Management Staff Officer, United States Forest Service, Angeles National Forest stated that the concern for public safety due to the fire intensity precipitated the forest closure. The two closures in effect at this time are no open camp fires, barbecue stoves or open propane at this time in the national forest, and a ban on all recreational use in the national forest with no exceptions. The closure will remain in effect until there is sufficient fuel/moisture content which would be eighty to ninety percent range. Mr. Lagrosa provided copies of the two forest orders signed by Jody Cook, Forest Supervisor for the Angeles National Forest, authorizing the closures.

Mr. Lagrosa stated that San Bernardino has extended the Adventure Pass allowing recreational users access to the park, but the Angeles National Forest has not at this time.

Of the two recent major fires a total of 110 recreational cabins were burned all within the national forest, no structures within the cities or County were affected. The application of controlled burns to prevent disasters such as the two recent fires was discussed and the lack of experienced personnel to supervise controlled burns in the Department of Forestry was mentioned. Controlled burns are not an exact science and there is concern regarding the amount of debris that will come down during and after the rains and the type of structures needed to prevent damage. The cities of Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Claremont, and Mt. Baldy Village, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, and other governmental representatives have formed a task force with the Natural Resource Conservation Service to formulate a plan. Meetings are held every Tuesday at the Alexander Youth Community Center, 1700 Danbury Street in Claremont from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### **CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO PREPARE A CONSERVATION PLAN FOR BIGHORN SHEEP IN THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS**

The Commission received letters from the South Coast Regional Manager for the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and the Forest Supervisor for the Angeles National Forest, Department of Forestry (DF). DFG stated that a recovery team has been formed and Mr. Holl's participation as a liaison with the team would be invaluable based on his expertise. The U.S. Forest Service's letter indicated a willingness to work together to formulate and enact a recovery plan. Commissioner Hybarger stated that Mr. Holl's proposal would have to be amended or withdrawn and something new introduced to accommodate these responses. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Commission unanimously approved tabling this item. Commissioner Hybarger plans to invite Mr. Holl to attend the November 1, 2002 Recovery Team meeting.**

### **STATUS OF MALIBU DAM REMOVAL**

At Commissioner Nuremberg's request the Commission reviewed the Southern California Steelhead Coalition's Rindge Dam Removal report for the restoration of Malibu Creek and the viability of the steelhead trout. **On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Vice Chairperson Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved the recommendation to request that the Board of Supervisors submit a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers suggesting that the Corps consider the recommendations outlined in the Rindge Dam Removal report and have them included in their study for the restoration of**

**Malibu Creek and the viability of the steelhead trout.**

**MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.